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1. After the Chinese Communist learned of the dismissal of MacArthur, Government leaders were called into an emergency meeting. This meeting was under the chairmanship of LIU Shao-ch'i and included all ministers and CHU Te who returned from Mukden. At the meeting it was decided that the United States recalled MacArthur in order to seek peace, and that the Chinese must apply high pressure so as to achieve the most nearly ideal way to end the Korean war.

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2. MAO Tse-tung returned from Moscow. he called a meeting of Communist leaders at his retreat at Hsiang Shan, west of Peiping; this meeting was attended by the commander of the International Volunteer Army, of which the headquarters are in Mukden, the commander of the Soviet forces in Dairen, PENG Te-huai and LIN Piao. These four people rushed to Peiping by plane for the meeting. The following decisions were reached:

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a. To launch the spring offensive earlier than originally planned.

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b. One-third of the Chinese Communist troops to be allotted for the first stage of the offensive.* These troops to carry the fighting to the capture of Seoul. Another third to carry the offensive to a line between Andong (128-44, 36-34) and Taejon (127-26, 36-20). For the drive to Pusan the entire force to be committed.

c. If the Chinese are unable to carry out this plan according to schedule, they will use their (sic) air and naval strength.

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* Comment. According to information available to this office the Chinese Communists had 553,000 troops in Korea of which 293,000 were committed to the spring offensive.

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